



SEMENOV TELLS OF HOPE TO UNITE ALL OF SIBERIA

Ataman Semenov, anti-Bolshevik Cosack chieftain who slipped quietly out of Shanghai under an assumed name and with special passports for the United States two weeks ago, will go first to Washington and then to Paris hoping in the latter place to secure aid for a campaign for Siberian unity, according to an interview secured with him by the Japan Advertiser while the steamer Empress of Russia was in Yokohama.

Semenov sailed on the Empress of Russia under an assumed name after being an exile in Japan, Tientsin and Shanghai since his autocratic rule in Siberia collapsed.

Semenov declared that the continued occupation of Siberia by Japanese troops was a hindrance to the country's development in all respects and asserted that the peasants of the country were united behind him in his plan for an all-Russia revolution in the spring that would once more unite the country under a democratic government.

"The people of Siberia want a Federation," the Ataman said, "and have asked me to take the military leadership. I am carrying resolutions and documents given to me by committees who I believe represent the Siberian people and I intend to present them to the Russian National Committee in Paris. I do not believe the government at Vladivostok will survive the spring, and the same thing might be said as regards Chita. A new federation of the peoples of Siberia with Irkutsk as the capital appears to be the only remedy for the situation there. The committees which have visited me have expressed entire harmony in my program for Siberia, which includes a democratic Siberian government as expressed in a Federation, and also includes the interesting of foreign capital for the development of the country."

Semenov secured special passports from the State Department at Washington after he had failed to secure passports from either the American Consulate General at Shanghai or Tientsin. He will visit Washington upon his arrival in the United States and then proceed to Europe.

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WANTS TO BAR SEMENOFF.

**AMERICAN LEGION PROTESTS
AGAINST
RUSSIAN'S ADMISSION TO THE
COUNTRY.**

Washington, Jan. 14.

Protest against the admission into the United States of Gregory Semenoff, self-styled Ataman of the Russian Cossacks, has been made to the Department of Labor by the National Legislative Committee of the American Legion.

Semenoff, who has received permission from the State Department to enter the country for a stay of six months, is declared to be an undesirable alien.

"This record of this man speaks for itself," says a letter from John Thomas Taylor, Vice Chairman of the Legion's National Legislative Committee, to Secretary Davis of the Labor Department. "While the whole country is exercised over the deportation of foreigners of this character, we are at a loss to understand why it is that the State Department should be so ready and willing to permit another the privilege of entering the country."

"We take this opportunity of registering our protest, and we hope that you, as Secretary of Labor, will, through your office, prevent this man from entering the United States."—*N. Y. Times.*

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REPORT ON Complaint against George Semenovff former Russian leader.

Made by D. E. MacDermott

Forwarded by

Sir,

I beg to report that to-day at 3.15 p.m. a Russian named Nicolas Savellieff (described as former Commander-in-Chief under Semenovff) living at No. 19A Connaught Road came here accompanied by two Russian ladies one of whom acted as interpreter and asked our assistance in detaining on a charge of debt, Semenovff, who was leaving for Canada on the Empress of Russia this inst.

It was alleged that Semenovff owed 25000 Rbls. (gold) to the man reporting (Savellieff) being money obtained by the latter in Vladivostok as a loan on behalf of Semenovff.

Savellieff has been in Shanghai four or five months and had the promise of Semenovff, who was in Tientsin, to return the money, and this was the reason action was not taken sooner.

Savellieff learned that Semenovff only returned to Shanghai last night with his family and was leaving for Canada to-day and therefore had no time to report the matter to take action in the Mixed Court.

Savellieff was informed we could not take action without some authority and was told to report the matter to Mr. Ivanoff of the Russian Consulate who might be able to obtain the necessary authority for him to detain Semenovff, and this he agreed to do.

The attached slip with the names thereon was written by the lady acting as interpreter and gives the aliases under which Semenovff and his family might travel; namely

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REPORT ON

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Miller or Orloff and the family under the name of Tersitzky.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

Joseph L. G. Smith

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